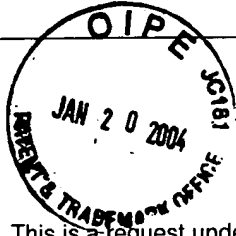


**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)**

 Docket Number (Optional)  
 36-001810US


In re Application of Robert C. Downs, et al.

Application Number: 10/071,877

Filed: February 8, 2002

For AUTOMATED CENTRIFUGE AND METHOD OF USING SAME

Group Art Unit 1743

Examiner Brian J. Sines

This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response in the above-identified application.

The requested extension and appropriate non-small-entity fee are as follows  
 (check time period desired):

- ☒ One month (37 CFR 1.17(a)(1)) \$ 110
- ☐ Two months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(2)) \$ 420
- ☐ Three months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(3)) \$ 950
- ☐ Four months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(4)) \$1480
- ☐ Five months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(5)) \$2010
- ☐ Applicant is a small entity under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27, therefore the fee amount shown above is reduced by one-half, and the resulting fee is: \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

A small entity statement under 37 CFR 1.27:

- ☐ is enclosed.
- ☐ has already been filed in this application.

- ☐ A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed.
- ☒ The Commissioner has already been authorized to charge fees in this application to a Deposit Account.
- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees that may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number 50-0893. *I have enclosed a duplicate copy of this sheet.*

I am the ☐ assignee of record of the entire interest.

☐ applicant.

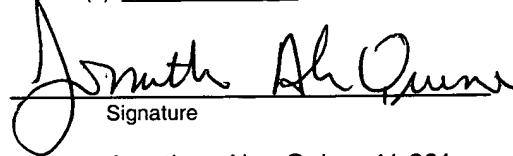
☒ attorney or agent of record.

☐ attorney or agent under 37 CFR 1.34(a)

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January 15, 2004

Date

  
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Jonathan Alan Quine, 41,261

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